

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 21-019

Introduced by Council President Vincenti at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. LSD 21-021 Date August 10, 2021

AN ACT to add the definitions of “electric vehicle” and “electric vehicle charging station” to Section 267-4, Definitions, of Article I, General Provisions; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection C(1), Encroachment, of Section 267-23, Yards; to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Subsection C(5) of Section 267-27, Accessory uses and structures; and to add new Subsection C(10) to Section 267-27, Accessory uses and structures, all of Article V, Supplementary Regulations, and all of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide definitions for “electric vehicle” and “electric vehicle charging station”; to allow electric vehicle charging stations as accessory uses; to allow electric vehicle charging stations to encroach into the minimum yard setbacks; to prohibit the equipment from encroaching into the setback; to require signage for electric vehicle charging stations; and generally relating to zoning.

By the Council, August 10, 2021

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled  
on: September 14, 2021  
at: 7:00 PM

By Order: *Mylicia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on \_\_\_\_\_, and concluded on \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that the definitions of “electric vehicle” and “electric vehicle charging station” be, and they are hereby, added to Section 267-4, Definitions, of Article I, General Provisions; that Subsection C(1), Encroachment, of Section 267-23, Yards, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments; that Subsection C(5) of Section 267-27, Accessory uses and structures, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments; and that new Subsection C(10) be, and it is hereby, added to Section 267-27, Accessory uses and structures, all of Article V, Supplementary Regulations, and all of Part 1, Standards, of Chapter 267, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended, and all to read as follows:

**Chapter 267. Zoning**

**Part 1. Standards**

**Article I. General Provisions**

**§ 267-4. Definitions.**

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ELECTRIC VEHICLE – A VEHICLE THAT USES ELECTRICITY FOR PROPULSION.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION – A STRUCTURE THAT HOSTS A CONNECTED POINT IN AN ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLATION AT WHICH CURRENT IS TAKEN TO CHARGE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.

**Article V. Supplementary Regulations**

**§ 267-23. Yards.**

C. Exceptions and modifications to minimum yard requirements.

(1) Encroachment.

(a) The following structures may encroach into the minimum yard requirements, not to exceed the following dimensions:

[1] Awnings, canopies, cornices, eaves or other architectural features: 3

feet.

[2] Bay windows, balconies, chimneys or porches: 3 feet.

[3] Open fire escapes: 5 feet.

[4] Uncovered stairs or necessary landings: 6 feet.

[5] Fences and walls: in accordance with § 267-23 (Yards).

[6] Unenclosed patios, sunrooms and decks: up to, but not to exceed, 35% of the side or rear yard requirement for the district.

[7] Attached storage sheds may encroach 10 feet into the rear yard only. Such storage sheds shall not have internal access to the dwelling unit.

[8] Outdoor dining areas shall be permitted to encroach up to, but not to exceed, 50% of the side, rear or front yard setback requirement for the district. Seating for such outdoor dining areas shall not exceed 30% of the overall indoor seating, or 12 seats, whichever is greater.

[9] ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO ENCROACH UP TO, BUT NOT TO EXCEED, 50% OF THE FRONT, SIDE OR REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISTRICT.

**§ 267-27. Accessory uses and structures.**

C. Use limitations. In addition to the other requirements of this Part 1, an accessory use or structure shall not be permitted unless it strictly complies with the following:

(5) No accessory use or structure shall be established within the required front yard, except agriculture, signs, fences, walls or parking area and projections or garages OR

1 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS as specified in § 267-23 (Yards),  
2 and modifications to minimum yard requirements.

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4 (10) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. ALL EQUIPMENT SHALL BE  
5 GROUND MOUNTED, AND CARPORTS OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE  
6 COVERINGS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENCROACH INTO THE  
7 SETBACK. SUCH STATIONS SHALL BE LABELED FOR THIS USE WITH  
8 SIGNAGE THAT SHALL NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES BY 18 INCHES.

9 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date  
10 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that  
seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for  
distribution to the public and the press.*

*Mylia A. Dixon*

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Council Administrator